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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a
Natural Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct
Natural Gas Distribution Facilities in the Town of Walworth,
Walworth County, Wisconsin

6630-CG-119

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the March 29, 2002, application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03 to construct natural gas distribution facilities in the town of Walworth, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

WEPCO is a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

WEPCO proposes to construct a new gate station, including pressure regulation, tie-in valving, telemetry and gas pre-heating and odorization facilities at a custody transfer point with the Guardian Pipeline, LLC (Guardian) metering facilities, approximately 2.6 miles of 12-inch steel natural gas main, and new 12-inch and 10-inch valve assemblies to connect the new 12-inch steel natural gas main to an existing WEPCO 10-inch steel natural gas main. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$1,583,375. The new gate station and gas main will allow WEPCO to provide additional natural gas supplies to its distribution system in Walworth and western Racine counties. The proposed new gas main would be constructed within existing road rights-of-way.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Jeff Murley at (608) 267-1207.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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